

# HEY YOUTH LEADERS OF SAINT PAUL!



Do you want Saint Paul to be the BEST city in America to grow-up in? You're not alone!

Have your voice heard by joining the:

## **Saint Paul Youth Commission**



#### **Involvement Includes:**

- Leading community projects that matter to you; tackling serious issues by designing creative solutions.
- Ensure the views of youth are heard by city officials, state legislators and the community at large and play a key decision making role.
- Strengthen your leadership skills, expand your network, and build your power!

## Membership details:

- The Youth Commission is a collection of 22 young leaders from neighborhoods all over Saint Paul.
- Youth Commissioners must be enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2011-2012 school year.
- The Youth Commission meets every Monday night and needs members who can regularly attend and actively participate.
- Interested youth must submit an application and attend an interview.

### Apply and join the Youth Commission today!

Questions? Contact Megan Mueller megan.mueller@ci.stpaul.mn.us or 651-247-5538. Or download the application from <a href="www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/youthcommission">www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/youthcommission</a>

## Saint Paul Youth Commission Application Directions



#### **STEP ONE:**

Fill out the Background Form & Compile all THREE application letters

- 1. Letter of Intent
- 2. Peer Letter of Recommendation
- 3. Adult Letter of Recommendation

#### **STEP TWO:**

Submit your Background Form & Application Letters to:

Megan Mueller
Saint Paul Youth Commission
City Hall Annex
25 4<sup>th</sup> St W #400
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Or email to: megan.mueller@ci.stpaul.mn.us

#### **STEP THREE:**

Participate in an interview led by veteran Youth Commissioners in the month of July or early August.

#### **STEP FOUR:**

Be available to attend the two-day Youth Commission Orientation on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

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# **Saint Paul Youth Commission Background Form**



(PLEASE PRINT – THANK YOU!)

Name:					
Address:		Saint Paul, MN			
	Street		City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone Number:		Cell:			
Email:					
1) What schoo	l will you go to o	during the 2011-	2012 scho	ool year?	
2) Circle the g	rade you will be	in during the 20	010-2011	school yea	ar:
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12 <sup>th</sup> G	rade	
3) If you know	what neighbor	hood you live in	, please p	ut a check	k next to it below!
I'm not s	ure (That's okay,	we will look it up!)			
Battle Creek/Sunray (or Highwood)		Greater East Side			_West Side
Dayton's Bluff		Payne-Phalen		North End	
Thomas-Dale (or Frogtown)		Summit-University (or Summit Hill)		Como	
West Seventh (or Downtown)		Hamline-Midway		Merriam-Park (or Lex-Ham)	
St. Anthony Park		Macalester-Groveland		Highland Park	

# **Saint Paul Youth Commission Application Letters**



#### **Letter of Intent**

We want to get to know who you are! Please write a 1-3 page letter explaining a little bit about yourself.

- Share what you spend your time doing and what you're passionate about.
- Tell us what your experience has been living in Saint Paul. What is unique about the city, what do you like, and what do you want to change?
- Then tell us what your personal strengths are and how you can incorporate them into your work with the Saint Paul Youth Commission.
- Finally conclude your letter with an overall goal for yourself, something you would like to accomplish with the Saint Paul Youth Commission, and explain how you believe accomplishing that goal will impact youth living in Saint Paul.

#### **Peer Letter of Recommendation**

Often times Minnesotans are REALLY modest. We want to hear what one of your peers has to say about you. Please get a Letter of Recommendation from a peer; a family member, friend or classmate which includes:

- How they know you.
- What sets you apart from other Saint Paul youth.
- The strengths you bring to working with groups of people.
- What they have gained from having you in their life.

#### **Adult Letter of Recommendation**

We also want to hear from one adult in your life, someone who knows you well. This could be a youth worker, teacher, counselor, coach, etc (but no relatives please). Ask them to write you a letter which includes:

- How they know you.
- What talents and abilities you would bring to the Youth Commission?
- Your level of commitment to things you're passionate about